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# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### Executive Order 35

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#### **ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

Meeting the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the New Economy demands that the Commonwealth of Virginia maximize the participation of all of its citizens in the commercial life of the Commonwealth. Promoting the inclusion of minority businesses in state procurement and in the economy generally make both good public policy and good business sense.

With the importance of promoting minority business enterprise in mind and by virtue of the authority vested in me under Article V of the *Constitution of Virginia*, and by Section 2.2-134 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby establish the Governor's Advisory Commission on Minority Business Enterprise (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission").

The Commission is classified as a gubernatorial advisory commission in accordance with Sections 2.2-134, 2.2-135, and 2.2-2100 of the *Code of Virginia*. The purposes of the Commission shall be to:

1. Examine the effectiveness of the state's minority business enterprise programs, including its certification program, and recommend changes to make them more efficient, effective and valuable to minority business enterprises.
2. Develop strategies for improving the state's utilization of and support for minority business enterprises.

3. Identify strategies for increasing the resources of the executive branch for utilizing and promoting minority business enterprises.
4. Recommend needed legislation, regulatory changes, or agency or program streamlining or consolidation to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's minority business enterprise efforts and improve the state's utilization of minority business enterprises.
5. Examine the policies, programs and practices of state agencies regarding the inclusion of minority business enterprises in state procurement activities and make recommendations for needed changes.

The Commission shall have no more than 15 members, including a Chairman and a Vice Chairman. All members shall be appointed by the Governor shall serve at his pleasure. The Governor may appoint additional members at his discretion.

Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. They may receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties upon approval by the Governor's Chief of Staff or his designee.

The Commission shall present a final report and recommendations to the Governor by no later than March 31, 2003. The Commission shall make such interim reports and recommendations to the Governor as it deems appropriate.

Staff support necessary for the conduct of the Commission's work during the term of its existence shall be furnished by the Office of the Governor, the Offices of the Governor's Secretaries, the Department of Business Assistance, the Department of Minority Business Enterprise, the Department of General Services, the Department of Planning and Budget, and such other executive agencies as the Governor may designate. An estimated 500 hours of staff time will be required to support the Commission. Such funding as is necessary for the term of the Commission's existence shall be provided from sources, including both private and appropriated funds, contributed or appropriated for purposes related to the work of the Commission, as authorized by Section 2.2-135(B) of the Code of Virginia. Direct expenditures for the Commission's work are estimated to be \$10,000, exclusive of staff support.

This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing, and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2003, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this  
13th day of September 2002.

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Mark R. Warner, Governor

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Secretary of the Commonwealth